

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 178

By Patton

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Representative
Leon A. Cox.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of one of its most respected members, former State Representative Leon A. Cox; and

WHEREAS, Representative Leon A. Cox was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, he was born March 22, 1921, in Jonesborough, Washington County, the son of William Ellis and Mary Lou Archer Cox. He was educated in Johnson City at North Side and Science Hill High Schools, and attended Milligan College and East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox answered the call to military duty during World War II and proudly served as a fighter pilot in the 19th Fighter Squadron in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in 1947. Captain Cox was awarded the USAF Air Medal with six clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross with two clusters; and

WHEREAS, a Republican member of the House of Representatives for four exemplary terms, Leon Cox distinguished himself on Capitol Hill as a man of great wisdom and compassion, earning the universal respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, he served as Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles under Governors Winfield Dunn, Lamar Alexander and Ned McWherter; and

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WHEREAS, the legacy Leon A. Cox leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Leon Cox enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 18 years, Jeneieve Horner Cox, and was the proud parent of three children and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Cox worked tirelessly in service of countless good works, not for profit, applause or acclaim, but rather for the satisfaction of knowing that Tennessee is a better place in which to live as a result of his efforts. His love and respect for the responsibilities and duties of his office will long be remembered by his colleagues and the many people whose lives he enriched; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of our treasured friend and former colleague, Representative Leon A. Cox, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Representative Leon Cox.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.